

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

a cartridge case, formed by fastening upper and lower cases of synthetic resin together, and having a tape leader opening formed in upper and lower side walls of said upper and said lower cases;

a single tape reel having magnetic tape wound thereon and rotatably housed within said cartridge case; and

a tape leader pin, firmly attached to a leading end of said magnetic tape, and detachably held in an upright state between said upper and lower cases so that said tape leader pin faces said tape leader opening;

wherein said tape leader pin has axially opposite flanges;

wherein a length of said tape leader pin is 18.7 mm; and

wherein the cartridge case has a thickness of 1.38 mm above and below the axially opposite flanges of the tape leader pin.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a leader-pin holding spring attached to said cartridge case near said tape

leader opening, said leader-pin holding spring comprising a mounting portion that includes a rectangular plate and a pair of elastic arm portions, in which top and bottom edges of the mounting portion are provided with engagement recesses, respectively;

wherein said tape leader pin is detachably held by said leader-pin holding spring that elastically abuts said axially opposite flanges in a horizontal direction.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a U-shaped clip attached to walls near said tape leader opening to fasten said upper and said lower cases together,

wherein the U-shaped clip includes a connecting plate portion and a pair of leg portions bent at right angles in the same direction at both ends of the connecting plate portion such that the pair of leg portions are respectively inserted into the upper and lower sidewalls perpendicular to the tape leader pin detachably held in the upright state.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:
a cartridge case, formed by fastening upper and lower cases of synthetic resin together, and having a tape leader opening formed in upper and lower side walls of said upper and said lower cases;

a single tape reel having magnetic tape wound thereon and rotatably housed within said cartridge case; and

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a tape leader pin, firmly attached to a leading end of said magnetic tape, and detachably held in an upright state between said upper and lower cases so that said tape leader pin faces said tape leader opening;

wherein metal reinforcement members are embedded in the upper and lower cases, respectively, near said tape leader opening, in which a first metal reinforcement member is provided above said tape leader pin and a second metal reinforcement member is provided below said tape leader pin such that said first metal reinforcement member and said second reinforcement members embedded in the upper and lower cases are respectively disposed at least over axially opposite flanges of the tape leader pin when the tape leader pin is detachably held in the upright state between said upper and lower cases.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 4, further comprising a leader-pin holding spring attached to said cartridge case near said tape leader opening;

wherein said tape leader pin ~~has axially opposite flanges and~~ is detachably held by said leader-pin holding spring that elastically abuts said axially opposite flanges in a horizontal direction.

Claim 6 (original): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 4, further comprising a U-shaped clip attached to walls near said tape leader opening to fasten said upper and said lower cases together.

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Claim 7 (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1, wherein a thickness of each of said axially opposite flanges is 1.1 mm.

Claim 8 (new): The magnetic tape cartridge as set forth in claim 6, wherein the U-shaped clip includes a connecting plate portion and a pair of leg portions bent at right angles in the same direction at both ends of the connecting plate portion such that the pair of leg portions are respectively inserted into the upper and lower sidewalls perpendicular to the tape leader pin detachably held in the upright state.